

WASHINGTON

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

Passage in the House of the Bill Designating the 4th of March as the Time for the Meeting of Congress.

The Bill Regulating the Tenure of Office Reported in the Senate.

Protracted Senatorial Debate on the District of Columbia Franchise Bill.

Correspondence Relating to the Discovery and Arrest of John H. Surratt.

Washington, Dec. 10, 1866.

The Fortieth Congress. The adoption by the House of an act for the assembling of the Fortieth Congress on the 4th of March will throw out of representation six loyal States, unless otherwise arranged for by special act—namely, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut, in April; California, in September; Kentucky and Tennessee, in August.

Testimonial Governments for the South. There is an evident determination on the part of the Federal Government to reconstruct the South to the point of bringing the States lately in rebellion down to the condition of Territories, and organize them anew into State governments. This may not be accomplished immediately, it is asserted, but that the movement will thus end is the confident opinion of those high in radical position.

The Test Oath Decision. In the United States Supreme Court to-day the case of the Missouri test oath was resumed. There was some expectation that a decision would be rendered in this case this morning, but Lorenz Sherwood, of Texas, addressed to the Court a motion for a reargument of the case, stating, in substance, that it was a matter in which the loyal people of the South took a deep interest, and that himself and General A. J. Hamilton, of Texas, were of the opinion that the case on behalf of the Government, in support of the constitutionality of the oath, had not been fully presented. It was, therefore, desired that the Court would bear further argument before rendering an opinion in the case. The Chief Justice suggested to counsel that his motion be put in writing and filed, stating that it would then be considered.

It is not true, as has been telegraphed North and South, that the Supreme Court of the United States has recently made a new rule admitting members to its bar without taking the test oath. The old rule, as administered to applicants in open court, and the applicant, in then required to retire to one of the adjoining offices and there subscribe to the test oath. This information is derived from Mr. Middleton, the Clerk of the Court.

Jeff Davis to Remain in Confinement. There is the best authority for saying that the President has positively determined not to interfere in the case of Jeff Davis by ordering his release on parole, but that he will remain where he is until arrangements can be made for his trial some time during the ensuing spring.

Adjudged guilty of complicity in the assassination of Lincoln. He thinks he had no hand in it. Stevens was invited by the Secretary of State to dine with him yesterday, but declined on account of ill health.

General Grant and Lady Give a Grand Fancy Dress Masquerade to Juveniles. A grand fancy dress masquerade was given to-night by General and Mrs. General Grant to juveniles at their residence, on I. street. Among the distinguished parties present were members of the Cabinet, the principal army and navy officers, foreign diplomats, members of Congress and a number of the most prominent citizens, who were present by special invitation as spectators, while the young gentlemen and ladies, friends of the General's children, enjoyed themselves in dancing and other entertainments.

Frederick Grant, the General's eldest son, appeared at the beginning of the masquerade as a West Point cadet and afterwards assumed the character of a cavalier. Other young gentlemen sustained the characters of General Washington, Sir Peter Teazle, knight, troubadour, page, peasant and Italian brigande. The young ladies appeared as fairies, gnomes and gypsies. It was a most enjoyable affair throughout and may be regarded as the inauguration of the season of festivities commencing with the Christmas holidays.

The Safety of Human Life on Shipboard. The Secretary of the Treasury has addressed the following circular to collectors of customs:

On the 4th ult., a circular was addressed to the supervising inspectors of steamboats in the several districts, calling their attention to the provisions of section ten of the act of July 25, 1866, and directing them to see to it that all passenger vessels, propelled wholly or in part by steam, are equipped with suitable life-saving apparatus, as required by the above mentioned act. It is requested that you will see to it that the provisions of the law apply at once to all steam passenger vessels, whether bearing unexpired certificates of inspection or not, and that you will see to it that they are fitted by section two of the act of July 13, 1865, and section one of the act of August 26, 1865, being a fine of \$500 for each offense. The act of July 25, 1866, contains a duty no less responsible than that of providing the most efficient means possible for the safety of human lives on shipboard, and any refusal or neglect to comply with the requirements of the law in this respect will be visited with the full penalties prescribed by law. H. McCULLOUGH, Secretary of the Treasury.

Payment of State Debts Incurred During the War. The memorial of Comptroller Billings of New York, urges Congress in a lengthy argument to provide for the payment of the State debts incurred in the prosecution of the war. The object for which they were incurred he declares to be no less national than the preservation of the Government, and that a weakness in the members of the Union would have been incompatible with vigor in the head, and therefore policy, no less than justice, calls for payment of those debts. He deems it doubtful whether, with the currency in a normal condition, State taxes, levied on real or personal property, will more than suffice for ordinary State expenses—taxes which bear unequally on land and tend to oppress the farming interests, on which the prosperity of all others depends. He therefore proposes that the general Government shall contribute to the particular source of revenue to the several States, to be used in the liquidation of war debts, and suggests that the tax on income be thus relinquished as an ample and proper item for such a purpose, especially as it is questionable whether it comes within the meaning of the word "indirect" in the constitutional clause concerning taxation.

Wholesale Commutation by the President. President Johnson has to-day issued an order, in compliance with the suggestion of a memorial presented to him by Dr. J. H. Garrison, on behalf of the New York Prison Association, granting the privileges of the commutation system of the State of New York to all convicts under sentence of the civil and military courts of the United States, extending to the same terms provided for the convicts under sentence of the courts of the State, as an inducement and consideration for good conduct and faithful and diligent attention of the convicts to the observance of the regulations of the prisons and in the performance of the work imposed upon them. This benevolent suggestion received the prompt and cordial assent of the President, and in accordance therewith the Attorney General was requested immediately to prepare a suitable document for the execution of the design—a movement which will undoubtedly increase the good order of the prisons and encourage the reformation of those from whom the benefits of the law have heretofore been withheld. A law of similar purport, applicable to all the States in the Union, was today introduced in Congress by Senator Harris, which will doubtless be enacted.

No Financial Measure Yet Agreed Upon. The Committee of Ways and Means have not yet agreed upon any financial measure, therefore it is not true, as has been telegraphed hence, that they have considered favorably upon Representative Boutwell's proposition contemplating weekly issue of gold.

All attempts to interfere with the national banks or the currency were resolutely voted down in the House to-day. These measures are highly suggestive of the financial policy of Congress during the present session.

The House Investigating Committee. Among the committees of investigation appointed by the House to-day that relative to the New Orleans riot—Elliot, of Massachusetts, chairman—will soon proceed South, probably to-morrow. That relative to the murder of three soldiers in South Carolina, and the facts concerning the discharge of the culprits—Pike, chairman—will hold its meetings here, as will also that engaged in investigating frauds upon the revenue, Darling, chairman.

The Extra Bounty. In the case of a soldier, recently deceased, who had bequeathed his claim for extra bounty to a person to whom he was indebted for attendance, it has been decided by the proper accounting officer that the act of July 28, 1865, creates no inheritance, either by descent or by will, beyond what is therein expressly asserted, and the legate in the case referred to cannot inherit the bounty bequeathed him by the deceased soldier.

It is understood that the Pay Department has communicated to the highest military courts the full information has been obtained from the Second Auditor as shown by the muster rolls and other documents on file in his office.

Transportation of Officers and Soldiers. It has been decided that officers or soldiers who decline to accept transportation in kind upon muster out will not be allowed any claim to pay for travel to place of enlistment.

The Appointment of Paymasters in the Regular Army. The President and Secretary of War are enveloped with difficulties of a perplexing character in deciding upon the few fortunate individuals of the legions of deserving applicants who are to receive appointments as paymasters in the regular army. The struggle now going on among the aspirants for these agreeable positions is energetic and persistent. But six appointments have been made within the last few months, four of which—George Pomeroy, J. Steinberger, William G. Moore and George P. Ire—were made to fill vacancies in the old regular army. Under the provisions of the new army bill Colonel N. B. Brown and Dr. McClure, who have been discharging the duties of Deputy Paymaster General, have been appointed Assistant Paymaster Generals, and J. C. McGrath, of Missouri, and W. W. Johnson, of Ohio, have been appointed Paymasters.

The Public Clerks in the Treasury Department. The subject of dispensing with the employment of women in the Treasury Department is undergoing discussion. It is asserted that while many of them are capable and earn their salaries, others are inefficient and unscrupulous, notwithstanding which it is impossible to discharge them, owing to the importunity of friends and other influences, the pay being greater than that which women receive in any other vocation. The pressure for appointments is overwhelming, the President's house, General Grant's headquarters, and the Treasury Department are besieged continually, on many days the General Grant's house being the scene of a social gathering, and the time of the Secretary is taken up in raising to employ women and in explaining the reason for such refusal. There are now from fifty to one hundred more women in the Treasury Department than the Secretary is justified in retaining. In view of all the disadvantages attending the employment of women, and the continued pressure for appointments and the consequent annoyance, the Secretary of the Treasury is considering the expediency of following the example of the Secretary of the Interior and dismissing all the female employees.

The Massachusetts Liquor Cases. Mr. Richardson, of Boston, arrived this morning and entered for trial in the Supreme Court of the United States several liquor cases involving questions not decided last winter. The questions may or may not be heard during this term. As yet, it is said, will be made in Congress to change the law upon the subject.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

Second Session.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 1866.

MESSRS. BROWN, (rep. of Mo., and Sprague, (rep. of R.), absent hereafter, appeared in their seats.

THE CONTENTS OF DOCUMENTS DESTROYED TO BE REFERRED IN EVIDENCE.

Mr. MORRIS, (rep. of N. Y.), presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, representing that the records and papers in the Clerk's office of the United States District Court for the Southern district of Mississippi, have been destroyed by fire, which documents contained evidence of great importance to citizens of the Northern, Eastern and Western States, requesting the passage of an act providing for the preservation of the same.

Mr. PARSONS, (rep. of N. Y.), presented the memorial of the silk manufacturers of New Jersey, praying for the passage of a tariff bill increasing the duty on silk manufactures, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

PROTECTION TO DOMESTIC WOOL OWNERS.

Mr. PARSONS, (rep. of N. Y.), presented a memorial and resolutions of the Wool Growers' Convention of Vermont, requesting the passage of a bill for the protection of domestic wool growers. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. RAMSEY, (rep. of Minn.), offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of making the Agricultural and Mechanical College land scrip receivable in payment for pre-emption.

THE POPULATION AND WEALTH OF CALIFORNIA.

Mr. WARD, (rep. of Ohio), presented a memorial of citizens of California, contending that the statements made by the Secretary of the Interior, in his report to Congress, regarding the population and wealth of California, were untrue, and setting forth numerous statistics and facts relative thereto, as telegraphed to the Associated Press yesterday. The memorial was referred to the Committee on Territories.

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